



Republican Policy Committee

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47 Filibusters and 12 Vetoes: Minority Tactics Bring Return of The "Gridlock Index"

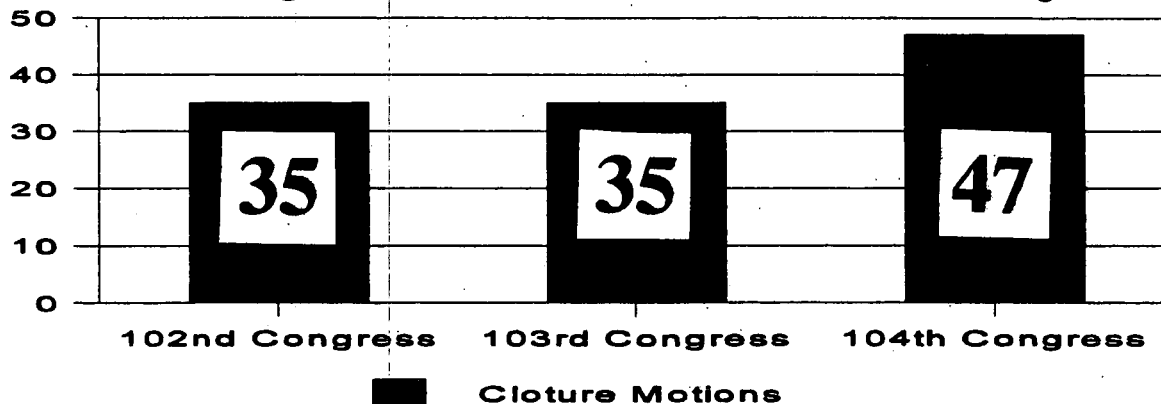
In 1994, President Clinton and Congressional Democrats blamed voter dissatisfaction on "Republican obstructionism," charging that Republican efforts to stop ill-conceived legislation were at record-high levels.

So far, as of press time, Republicans have been forced to file 12 more cloture petitions than Democrats had at this same point during the 103rd Congress. On top of the 47 filibusters Democrats have employed against such items as the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, State Department downsizing, and the Cuban Liberty and Solidarity Act, President Clinton has brandished his veto pen 12 times this Congress, killing such items as a seven-year balanced budget, tax relief for middle-income Americans, and welfare reform. This extensive use of "obstructionist tactics" also precludes major legislation yet to be addressed this session.

Here are the numbers:

The "Gridlock" Index

Totals are through March 11 of the second session of each Congress



Note: A total of 49 cloture petitions have been filed thus far in the 104th Congress. However, 2 of these were filed by Senator Daschle to close debate on the Foster nomination to be Surgeon General, and have not been counted.

Legislation "Filibustered" by Democrats So Far:

<u>Legislation</u>	<u>Cloture Motions Filed</u>
1) Unfunded Mandates, S. 1	4 cloture motions
2) Balanced Budget Amendment, H.J. Res. 1	3 cloture motions
3) Striker Replacement, Kassebaum amendment	2 cloture motions
4) Line-Item Veto, S. 4	2 cloture motions
5) Health Insurance Tax Deduction, H.R. 831	1 cloture motion
6) Supplemental/Rescissions, H.R. 1158	2 cloture motions
7) Product Liability, H.R. 956	5 cloture motions
8) Interstate Waste, S. 534	1 cloture motion
9) Alaska Power Administration, S. 395	1 cloture motion
10) Anti-terrorism, S. 735	1 cloture motion
11) Anti-Pornography, Lott amendment	2 cloture motions
12) National Highway System, S. 440	1 cloture motion
13) Regulatory Reform, S. 343	3 cloture motions
14) Foreign Relations Revitalization, S. 908	3 cloture motions
15) Foreign Assistance Authorization, S. 961	1 cloture motion
16) National Defense Authorization, S. 1026	2 cloture motions
17) Welfare Reform Bill, H.R. 4	1 cloture motion
18) Cuban Liberty & Democratic Solidarity, H.R. 927	3 cloture motions
19) Flag Desecration (motion to proceed), S.J. Res. 31	1 cloture motion
20) Labor/HHS Appropriations, H.R. 2127	1 cloture motion
21) Farm Bill, S. 1541	1 cloture motion
22) Farm Bill, (Leahy Substitute amdt. 3184)	1 cloture motion
23) DC Appropriations, H.R. 2464	4 cloture motions
24) Whitewater Extension, S.Res. 227	1 cloture motion
Total: 47 cloture motions	

Legislation Vetoed by President Clinton So Far:

- 1) Second Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act of 1995, H.R. 1158
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina Self-Defense Act, S. 21
- 3) Legislative Branch Appropriations 1996, H.R. 1854
- 4) Debt Ceiling Limit, H.R. 2586
- 5) Continuing Appropriations FY96, H.J. Res. 115
- 6) Seven Year Balanced Budget, H.R. 2491
- 7) Department of Interior Appropriations 1996, H.R. 1977
- 8) VA/HUD Appropriations 1996, H.R. 2099
- 9) Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations 1996, H.R. 2076
- 10) Securities Litigations Reform, H.R. 1058
- 11) Defense Authorization, H.R. 1530
- 12) Welfare Reform, H.R. 4

Total: 12 Vetoes

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